

AGENDA
Upper Clark Fork River Basin Steering Committee
Tuesday, January 18, 2005
10:00 AM - 3:30 PM
Bannock Room
USF&G Building
1625 11th Ave.
Helena, Montana

- I. 10:00 - 10:05 AM, Welcome and Introductions** - Gerald Mueller, Steering Committee members, and guests will introduce themselves.
- II. 10:05 - 10:10 AM, Approve Agenda.**
- III. 10:10 - Noon, Discussion of the Questions Posed by Carrie Mosley, NRCS Assistant State Conservationist, to the Steering Committee** - The Steering Committee will decide whether and how to respond to the following questions from Ms. Mosley:
 - What criteria should be used to deny federal funds to make irrigation efficiency improvements when it could negatively impact late season flows?
 - How best to use federal funds in EQIP to help with the resource concern of dewatered streams?
 - How should NRCS use EQIP funds to address irrigated lands?
- IV. Noon - 1:15 PM, Lunch** - Luncheon arrangements will be announced.
- V. 1:15 - 2:15 PM, Discussion of Bills to Extend the Water Leasing Program** - The Steering Committee recently provided to the Governor and Legislature its statutorily required report on the upper Clark Fork pilot leasing program including recommendations for continuing water leasing. The Steering Committee will consider testimony on the leasing bills before this legislative session.
- VI. Noon - 1:15 PM, Lunch** - Luncheon arrangements will be announced.
- VII. 2:15 - 2:30 PM, Update on the Watershed Assistance and LEP Grants** - Gerald Mueller will provide the update on the Steering Committee's grant requests.
- VIII. 2:30 - 3:00 PM, Discussion of Water Legislation Before the 2005 Legislature** - Mike McLane update the Steering Committee on other water-related legislation pending before the legislature..
- IX. 3:00 -3:15 PM, Public Comment.**
- X. 3:15- 3:30 PM Next Meeting:**
 - A. Agenda;
 - B. Location; and
 - C. Date & time.
- XI. 3:30 PM, Adjourn.**